



BY-LAWS

2024 EDITION

This edition is valid for the 2024 Central Australian Football League Season and shall continue to be current until a new edition is released by AFL Northern Territory. These By-Laws are specific to the Central Australian Football League and are to be read in conjunction with the AFL Northern Territory Rules & Regulations.

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1 Operation of By-Laws

1.1 Operation

- 1.1.1 AFL Northern Territory (AFLNT) is responsible for the conduct of all competitions within the Northern Territory.
- 1.1.2 These By-Laws are drafted and designed to provide direction for the administration of all grades of Central Australian Football League Competitions and should be read in conjunction with the most recent version of the AFLNT Rules & Regulations.
- 1.1.3 Where there is inconsistency between these By-Laws and the AFLNT Rules & Regulations, these By-laws shall prevail.

1.2 Amendments to 2023 Edition of CAFL By-Laws

- 1.2.1 AFLNT has made the following amendments to the CAFL By-Laws for the operation of the Central Australian Football League:
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| (a) Preamble (deleted) | |
| (b) CAFL By-Law 1.1 | Operation |
| (c) CAFL By-Law 3.1 | Match Management |
| (d) CAFL By-Law 3.2 | Match – Match Day Checklist |
| (e) CAFL By-Law 3.4 | Match – Time Keepers |
| (f) CAFL By-Law 3.10 | Competition – Forfeitures |
| (g) CAFL By-Law 3.14 | Competition – Drawn/Incomplete Finals Matches |
| (h) CAFL By-Law 3.15
(deleted) | Rules – Under 16 Junior Women Modified Rules |
| (i) CAFL By-Law 3.17
Duration | (Now 3.16) Scheduling – Match Times and |
| (j) CAFL By-Law 3.19 | (Now 3.18) Rules – Send Off Rule |
| (k) CAFL By-Law 5.2 | Age and Gender Qualifications |
| (l) CAFL By-Laws 5.4 | Player Eligibility – Finals Matches |
| (m) CAFL By-Law 5.5 | Unregistered, Overage or Ineligible Player |
| (n) CAFL By-Law 6.4 | Community Permit Player Points |

2 Definitions

In these By-Laws, unless a contrary meaning is required by the context, definitions are as listed in the AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

3 Football Operations

3.1 Match Management

- 3.1.1 AFLNT and AFLNT affiliated clubs who manage home & away matches during an AFLNT administered competition are bound by these By-Laws.
- 3.1.2 AFLNT must nominate a match manager by 5pm on the day prior to hosting matches scheduled to be played at any venue managed by AFLNT.
- 3.1.3 AFLNT affiliated clubs must nominate an AFLNT accredited official to act as match manager by no less than 48 hours prior to hosting matches scheduled to be played at that club's venue.

3.2 Match – Match Day Checklist (Insurance Requirements)

- 3.2.1 A Match Day Checklist must be completed prior to the commencement of the first match on any ground on a competition day.

3.3 Match – Team Sheets

- 3.3.1 Each team must submit a signed team sheet that includes the full names and playing numbers of all players, coaches and support staff, to the match manager at least 15 minutes prior to the commencement of that team's match.
 - (a) The match manager will provide a copy of the team sheet to:
 - i. The umpires,
 - ii. The time-keepers, and
 - iii. The opposition team manager (upon request)
- 3.3.2 Once a match has commenced, the umpires' copy of the team sheet automatically becomes the official team sheet for that match.
 - (a) If for some reason the umpires' copy of the team sheet goes missing, by default, the match manager's copy of the team sheet will become the official team sheet for that match.
- 3.3.3 The official team sheet submitted on the day of a match is the only team sheet that can be referred to when investigating player eligibility (including finals eligibility) inquiries.
- 3.3.4 The team sheet must include:
 - (a) The name (as registered on PlayHQ) and playing number of each player participating in that match.
 - (b) The name (as registered on PlayHQ) of the coach, all assistant coaches, runners, sports trainers, team manager (also known as steward) and water carriers participating in that match.
 - (c) Names are not to be hand-written on team sheets unless printed team sheets are unavailable due to technical issues.

- i. Where a team sheet includes hand-written names, the onus of ensuring that the players, coaches, and support staff listed on that team sheet are correctly registered and accredited remains with the Club.
- 3.3.5 The team manager may amend a team sheet prior to the commencement of a match if a player listed on the team sheet becomes injured or is medically unfit to play, provided:
 - (a) The team manager immediately notifies the match manager of any change(s) to the team sheet.
 - (b) The player who is being replaced on a team sheet leaves the playing arena and is not permitted to sit on the interchange bench during that match.
 - (c) The team sheet cannot be amended after the sounding of the first warning siren for that match other than a change of player number in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
 - i. If it is necessary to change a player's number during the course of a match, the team manager of that team must notify the match manager immediately.
 - ii. All persons entitled to a copy of the team sheet must be notified immediately of any changes.

3.4 Match – Time Keepers

- 3.4.1 Timekeepers will be approved and appointed by AFLNT. AFLNT may seek the assistance of clubs in the provision of timekeepers.
- 3.4.2 All timekeepers must abide by the timekeeper's instructions as listed in the AFLNT Rules & Regulations and Appendix 5 of these By-Laws.

3.5 Competitions

- 3.5.1 AFLNT shall arrange and conduct competitions in the following grades:
 - (a) Senior Men
 - (b) Senior Women
 - (c) Reserve Grade Senior Men
 - (d) Under 18 Male
 - (e) Under 17 Female
 - (f) Under 15 Male
- 3.5.2 AFLNT may arrange and conduct additional competitions subject to these By-Laws and to such other conditions as AFLNT determines from time to time.
 - (a) In the event that an additional competition(s) is arranged, and conditions are not determined in advance by AFLNT, or do not adequately cover a range of unforeseen occurrences, the competition(s) will be subject to these By-Laws irrespective of the location and administration of the competition.

- (b) Additional competitions arranged by AFLNT must be entered on PlayHQ with team sheets and scores recorded on PlayHQ for each match played in that competition.

3.6 Competition – Footballs

- 3.6.1 Only AFLNT approved footballs are to be used for AFLNT administered matches (including club home games), as per AFLNT Rules & Regulations.
- 3.6.2 Size 5 leather footballs are to be used in all CAFL Under 15 Male matches.
- 3.6.3 Size 4 leather footballs are to be used in all CAFL Under 17 Female matches.

3.7 Competition – Playing Numbers

- 3.7.1 Teams competing in any AFLNT administered competition shall have no more than the following maximum number of players per team:
 - (a) Senior Men:
22 (18 on field + 4 interchange)
 - (b) Senior Women:
21 (16 on field + 5 interchange)
 - (c) Senior Men Reserve Grade:
24 (18 on field + 6 interchange)
 - (d) Under 18 Male:
24 (18 on field + 6 interchange)
 - (e) Under 17 Female:
22 (16 on field + 6 interchange)
 - (f) Under 15 Male:
22 (18 on field + 4 interchange)
- 3.7.2 Clubs are permitted to apply for up to two (2) additional interchange players when extreme temperatures are forecast on the same days as CAFL matches are scheduled.
- 3.7.3 If a junior team is unable to field eighteen (18) Players for a match, the umpire(s) may commence the match as scheduled if each team has at least fourteen (14) Players provided each team has equal playing numbers on the playing arena during the course of the match. If such a match commences the following will apply:
 - (a) If a player is sent from the field under the send-off rule, the other team is not required to remove Players from the field of play to maintain equal playing numbers for the duration of that send off period.
 - (b) If a player is removed from the field due to injury, the other team is not required to remove Players from the field of play to maintain equal playing

numbers for the period of time that the player is unable to participate due to that injury.

- (c) If an Under 17 Female match commences with one or both teams fielding less than 12 Players for that competition, the Match Manager has discretionary authority to:
 - i. Allow the match to commence provided both competing teams have a minimum number of 9 Players.
 - ii. Allow the match to be played on a reduced size field to suit the weather conditions when playing a match with a reduced number of Players.
- (d) If an Under 15 Male match commences with one or both teams fielding less than 14 Players for that competition, the Match Manager has discretionary authority to:
 - i. Allow the match to commence provided both competing teams have a minimum number of 12 Players; and
 - ii. Allow the match to be played on a reduced size field to suit the weather conditions when playing a match with a reduced number of Players.

3.7.4 If a match cannot commence because insufficient Players are available, the team that cannot field the required number of Players for that Competition will be deemed to have forfeited that match.

3.8 Competition – Support Staff

3.8.1 Teams competing in any AFLNT administered competition shall have no more than the following number of coaching staff:

- (a) One (1) Head Coach;
- (b) Two (2) Assistant Coaches;
- (c) One (1) Sports Trainer;
- (d) One (1) Team Manager;
- (e) One (1) Team Runner; and
- (f) Two (2) Water Carriers.

3.8.2 Clubs are permitted to apply for up to two (2) additional water carriers when extreme temperatures are forecast on the same days as CAFL matches are scheduled.

3.8.3 Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Team Managers must wear accreditation as provided by AFLNT for the duration of any match they are involved in.

3.8.4 No other personnel are permitted to remain in the designated coaching area and/or the interchange bench at any time during the course of any match.

3.8.5 All other rules regarding team runners and water carriers apply in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations

3.9 Competition – Players Exceeding Permitted Number (Head-Counts)

3.9.1 Where a team has more than the permitted number of Players on the Playing Surface, the following shall apply:

- (a) A field umpire shall award a free kick to the captain or acting captain of the opposing team, which shall be taken at the centre circle or where play has stopped, whichever is the greater penalty against the offending team;
- (b) A fifty-metre penalty shall then be imposed from the position where the free kick was awarded; and
- (c) The team shall lose all points which it has scored in the quarter of the match in which the offence was detected.

3.10 Competition – Forfeitures

3.10.1 Clubs must notify AFLNT and the Opposition President by midday on the business day prior to a scheduled match if that club is unable to field a team in any AFLNT administered competition and intends to forfeit that match.

3.10.2 Where a club fails to notify the AFLNT and the Opposition President of a forfeit as per these By-Laws, that club will incur the following match fee:

- (a) All senior grades: \$750
- (b) Under 18 grade: \$500
- (c) All other grades: \$250

3.11 Competition – Consequence of Forfeiture

3.11.1 Where a team forfeits a match (not withstanding CAFL By-Law 3.10) AFLNT Rules & Regulations shall apply.

3.12 Competition – Consequence of Washed Out Matches

3.12.1 Where a match is deemed to be washed out, AFLNT Rules & Regulations shall apply.

3.13 Competition – Finals

3.13.1 The finals matches will be scheduled using the Finals Schedule as listed in the AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

3.14 Competition – Drawn/Incomplete Finals Matches

3.14.1 In any finals match where the scores are tied at full time, or for any reason the match cannot be completed, the AFLNT Rules & Regulations apply.

3.15 Scheduling

3.15.1 AFLNT will determine the schedule and fixture for all matches and reserve the right to reschedule matches as required.

3.16 Scheduling – Match Times and Duration

3.16.1 The duration of any match in which a team participates shall be:

- (a) Senior Men: 4 quarters of 23 minutes with no time on.
- (b) Senior Women: 4 quarters of 15 minutes with no time on.
- (c) Senior Men Reserve Grade: 4 quarters of 20 minutes with no time on.
- (d) Community Cup: 4 quarters of 20 minutes with no time on.
- (e) Under 18 Male: 4 quarters of 18 minutes with no time on.
- (f) Under 17 Female: 4 quarters of 12 minutes with no time on.
- (g) Under 15 Male: 4 quarters of 15 minutes with no time on.

3.16.2 The AFLNT appointed match manager has discretionary authority to adjust match times and duration to ensure Senior Men's, Senior Women's and other significant matches commence and/or finish on time.

3.17 Scheduling – Matches not Commenced or Incomplete

3.17.1 If a match cannot be commenced at the scheduled start time or having already commenced is unable to be completed within the time scheduled for that match for reasons other than a forfeit, AFLNT Rules & Regulations shall apply with the following exception:

- (a) The AFLNT appointed match manager has discretionary authority to adjust scheduled start times to accommodate unforeseen circumstances that may apply to teams travelling to or from remote localities from time to time.

3.18 Rules – Send Off Rule

3.18.1 AFLNT Rules & Regulations' send off provisions shall apply.

4 Club Requirements

4.1 Nominations – Teams

4.1.1 Clubs are required to nominate all teams they intend to enter in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.2 Nominations – Club Coaches

4.2.1 Clubs are required to nominate all coaches (including assistant coaches) for all teams entered in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.3 Nominations – Club Complaints Officer

4.3.1 Clubs shall appoint one or more Complaints Officers in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.4 Nominations – Club Tribunal Advocate

4.4.1 Clubs are required to nominate one or more Tribunal Advocates in accordance with the AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.5 Accreditation – Club Coaches

4.5.1 Coaches and assistant coaches who are not accredited at the commencement of a season are not permitted to coach a team in an AFLNT administered competition, as per AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.6 Player Registrations

4.6.1 Player registration is the sole responsibility of the Club, as per AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.7 Player & Club Cooperation

4.7.1 Players and officials must abide by the directions of an AFLNT appointed tribunal in accordance AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.8 Player & Club Officials – Change of Details

4.8.1 Clubs are permitted to change the details of a player or official in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

4.9 Club Colours, Uniforms and Logos

4.9.1 Each club must submit for AFLNT approval, the proposed design (including colours) of their playing uniform in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

5 Player Eligibility

5.1 Playing a Match

5.1.1 In determining how many matches a player has played for a club, a player on the team list and who is on the ground (including the interchange bench), in uniform, is deemed to have played that match.

5.2 Age and Gender Qualifications

5.2.1 Each participating player in a Senior Men's Competition (including Reserves, and Community Competition) must be:

- (a) at least 16 years of age at the time of playing; and
- (b) male.

5.2.2 Each participating player in the Senior Women's Competition must be:

- (a) at least 16 years of age at the time of playing; and
- (b) female

5.2.3 Each participating player in Under 18 Male Competition must be:

- (a) turning 15, 16, 17 or 18 years of age in the year of that competition; and
- (b) male

5.2.4 Each participating player in Under 17 Female Competition must be:

- (a) turning 13, 14, 15, 16 or 17 years of age in the year of that competition; and
- (b) female

5.2.5 Each participating player in an Under 15 Male Competition must be:

- (a) turning 12, 13, 14 or 15 years of age in the year of that competition; and
- (b) male

5.3 Player Eligibility – All Matches

5.3.1 Player eligibility rules apply in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations with the following exceptions:

- (a) No player may play more than two matches in any one weekend (including Friday and Public Holidays).

5.4 Player Eligibility – Finals Matches

5.4.1 A player is eligible to play a finals match for a team if that player has played a minimum of three (3) minor round matches, in three (3) different rounds for that team and/or lower grade teams of that Club, subject to age and gender qualifications.

5.4.2 A player is eligible to play in a finals match for a team without having played the minimum number of minor round matches to qualify for that team, subject to age and gender qualifications and provided:

- (a) That player is eligible to play a finals match for at least one other team, and
- (b) Both of these teams are playing that same round of finals matches.

5.4.3 A player who is deemed eligible to play in a finals match for a team and has participated in that match, will remain eligible to play for that team for the duration of that final's series.

5.5 Unregistered, Overage or Ineligible Player

5.5.1 A club which fields an unregistered, overage or ineligible player in a match, will be required to show cause as to why the club should not be sanctioned, including forfeiture of any match in which the unregistered, overage or ineligible player participated.

5.5.2 In determining appropriate penalties, consideration will be given to:

- (a) The extent of the lapse of time from the first instance of the unregistered, overage or ineligible player participating in a match to the receipt of a complaint or the issue otherwise being discovered;
- (b) The circumstances of the offending, including frequency; and
- (c) Whether or not the club self-reports the matter.

5.6 Player Eligibility Disputes

5.6.1 Disputes regarding player eligibility are not to be addressed by Match Managers on match day.

- 5.6.2 Any dispute regarding player eligibility will only be addressed once a complaint has been lodged in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

6 Transfers and Permits

6.1 Match Day Permits

- 6.1.1 Match Day Permits are only permitted for use in the Under 15 Male, and/or the Under 17 Female Competitions, providing the following:
- (a) The player is registered for another CAFL Club; and
 - (b) The Club requesting the Match Day Permit has met the required minimum playing numbers for that Competition.

6.2 Student Permits

- 6.2.1 Student Permits apply in accordance with AFLNT Rules & Regulations.

6.3 Community Permits

- 6.3.1 A player registered with a Community Club, may enter into an agreement with a Town Based Club at the discretion of AFLNT.
- 6.3.2 A copy of the Community Permit must be submitted to the Football Operations Department prior to that player playing for the destination Club.
- 6.3.3 A Community player may only be included in one (1) Community Permit in any given season.
- 6.3.4 Once a Community Permit has been lodged with the Football Operations Department, it will be considered valid unless revoked by AFLNT.
- 6.3.5 Once the agreement is in place, a Community Permit must be initiated by the destination Club, by logging into PlayHQ and submitting Permit Application.
- 6.3.6 The Club may utilise Community Permit Players at their own discretion on any given weekend, provided they do not exceed a Total Points Value (TPV) of sixteen (16) points in any one (1) Senior Men match and a TPV of ten (10) points in any one (1) Reserve Grade Senior Men match.
- 6.3.7 Any Club who plays a team with a TPV greater than outlined will be deemed to have forfeited the match.
- 6.3.8 Any Club wishing to transfer a permitted player, must complete and lodge an Application to Transfer Permit form.

6.4 Community Permit Player Points

- 6.4.1 Each Community Permit Player will be allocated a Points Value by the Football Operations Department.
- 6.4.2 Community Permit Players will receive a Points Value based on the following criteria:

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| (a) Community Permit Player from another CAFL Club | 4 points |
| (b) New Community Permit Player | 3 points |
| (c) New Junior Community Permit Player | 0 points |
| (d) BAFL Permit Player | 0 points |

6.4.3 All Point Values will be allocated based on their participation during the season prior to that Player's recruitment to a CAFL Club.

6.4.4 Each Community Permit Player's Point Value will decrease by one (1) point with every season played at that same CAFL Club, to a minimum of zero (0) points.

- (a) Seasons participated in prior to a Player playing for a different CAFL Club will not be considered under this By-Law.

6.4.5 Definitions:

(a) A Community Permit Player from another CAFL Club is any existing Community Permit Player who is recruited directly from another CAFL Club.

- i. Any Community Permit Player who has participated in two (2) or more matches in the season immediately prior to their recruitment will be deemed a Community Permit Player from another CAFL Club.

(b) A new Community Permit Player is any Community Permit Player recruited directly from the Community Competition who has not previously participated for any CAFL Club or has played no more than one (1) match for another CAFL Club.

(c) A new Junior Community Permit Player is any Under 18 Male Community Permit Player recruited directly from the Community Competition who has not previously participated for any CAFL Club or has played no more than one (1) match for another CAFL Club.

(d) A BAFL Permit Player is any Permit Player recruited directly from a BAFL Club who has not previously participated for any CAFL Club or has played no more than one (1) match for another CAFL Club.

7 Representative Teams

7.1 As per AFLNT Rules & Regulations

8 National Policies and Guidelines

8.1 As per AFLNT Rules & Regulations

9 Disciplinary

9.1 As per AFLNT Rules & Regulations

10 Special Provision

10.1 Awards

10.1.1 Medals will be awarded for:

- (a) Grand Final Best Players in each Grade,
- (b) Rising Star (Kevin Prior Medal),
- (c) Best & Fairest in each Grade, and
- (d) Leading Goal Kicker in each Grade.

10.1.2 Trophies will be awarded for:

- (a) Winning Premiership Teams in each Grade, and
- (b) Most Valuable Umpire (Golden Whistle).

11 Appendices

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Appendix 1 Grand Final Awards

1. Grand Final Best Player Awards:

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| (a) Senior Men's Grade | Everingham Medal |
| (b) Senior Women's Grade | Bev Ellis Medal |
| (c) Senior Men's Reserve Grade | Vic Lomas Medal |
| (d) Under 18 Male | Cal Dean Medal |
| (e) Under 17 Female | Best on Ground Medal |
| (f) Under 15 Male | Best on Ground Medal |

Appendix 2 Grand Final Best Player Conditions

1. At the conclusion of the Senior Men's and Senior Women's Grand Finals, a panel of three (3) members (appointed by AFLNT) will individually award votes to the players they judge to be the best and fairest players participating in that match:

- (a) Three votes will be awarded to the best player,
- (b) Two votes will be awarded to the second-best player, and
- (c) One vote will be awarded to the third best player.

2. All votes will be collated and the player with the most votes will be declared the winner.

- (a) In the case of a tie, a count back will take place and the winner will be declared on the basis of the most 'three votes'.
- (b) In the case that the result is still tied, the winner will be declared on the basis of the most 'two votes'.

2. All other Grades:

- (a) At the conclusion of the match, the field umpires shall collectively award votes to the player they judge to be the best and fairest player participating in that match.

Appendix 3 Best & Fairest Awards

1. Best & Fairest Awards:

(a) Senior Men's Grade	Minahan Medal
(b) Senior Women's Grade	Margaret Liddle Medal
(c) Senior Men's Reserve Grade	Patron's Medal
(d) Under 18 Male	Muldoon Medal
(e) Under 17 Female	Best & Fairest Medal
(f) Under 15 Male	Best & Fairest Medal

Appendix 4 Best & Fairest Conditions

1. At the conclusion of each match played during the home & away series, the field umpires shall collectively award votes to the players they judge to be the best and fairest players participating in that match:
 - (a) Three votes will be awarded to the best player,
 - (b) Two votes will be awarded to the second-best player, and
 - (c) One vote will be awarded to the third best player.
2. Once the votes have been cast, the field umpires must place the vote card in the envelope provided and hand the envelope to the Match Manager.
3. The votes will be read at the Minahan Medal Event and counted by a panel appointed by AFLNT.
 - (a) AFLNT reserve the right to count some or all votes for minor competitions prior to the Minahan Medal Event.
4. Any player who has been suspended by an AFLNT appointed tribunal (including the acceptance of a prescribed penalty) in respect to a charge or an offence against the laws of the game shall be ineligible to win a best and fairest award in that same year.
5. Players who are suspended as a result of an incident which occurred whilst playing in a representative match will remain eligible to win a CAFL Best & Fairest Award.
6. Where two or more players in a competition are tied on equal votes at the end of the count, each player shall be declared joint winners and each player will be awarded with a best & fairest medal.

Appendix 5 Time Keeper's Instructions

1. Timekeepers Report

- 1.1 Timekeepers are required to record the start and end times of each quarter.
- 1.2 Timekeepers are to complete and sign the timekeepers report at the completion of each match.

2. Red and Yellow Cards

- 2.1 Timekeepers are required to record the time that red and yellow cards are issued against the name of the player receiving the red or yellow card on the Timekeepers copy of the Team Sheet.
- 2.2 The times for any red or yellow cards issued during any AFLNT Matches are to be recorded in the appropriate field on the Team Sheet.

3 Time Clock

- 3.1 The time clock(s) is to remain in a neutral position and remain visible to both timekeepers at all times.

4 Siren

- 4.1 The siren is to remain in a neutral position and remain visible to both timekeepers at all times and is to be sounded as follows:
- 4.2 Start of first Quarter
 - a) As umpires enter the arena 1 blast
 - b) 2 minutes prior to scheduled starting time 2 blasts
 - c) 1 minute prior to scheduled starting time 1 blast
 - d) Scheduled starting time (when umpire holds up the ball) 1 blast
 - e) Quarter time interval 1 blast
- 4.3 Start of second quarter
 - a) 2 minutes prior to scheduled starting time 2 blasts
 - b) 1 minute prior to scheduled starting time 1 blast
 - c) Scheduled starting time (when umpire holds up the ball) 1 blast
 - d) Half time interval 1 blast
- 4.4 Start of third quarter
 - a) As umpires enter the arena 1 blast
 - b) 2 minutes prior to scheduled starting time 2 blasts
 - c) 1 minute prior to scheduled starting time 1 blast
 - d) Scheduled starting time (when umpire holds up the ball) 1 blast
 - e) Three quarter time interval 1 blast
- 4.5 Start of fourth quarter
 - a) 2 minutes prior to scheduled starting time 2 blasts
 - b) 1 minute prior to scheduled starting time 1 blast
 - c) Scheduled starting time (when umpire holds up the ball) 1 blast
 - d) End of match 1 blast

4.6 Where a match is stopped for Extreme Weather

5 blasts

5 Teams returning to the field

5.1 If the siren has been utilized to indicate the scheduled starting time and only one team is in position ready to commence, the umpires will:

- a) Blow the whistle and instruct the offending team that they have 30 seconds to get into position. Specifically, the person given this instruction should be the coach, team captain or a club official.
- b) After a further 30 seconds, the umpire will signal to the timekeepers to blow the siren, and the umpires will then signal the commencement of play and immediately bounce the ball regardless of whether the teams are in position.

6 Match Timings:

6.1 Under 15 Male, Under 17 Female

- a) 15 minute quarters with no time on
- b) 4 minute $\frac{1}{4}$ time break
- c) 8 minute $\frac{1}{2}$ time break
- d) 4 minute $\frac{3}{4}$ time break

6.2 Under 18 Male

- a) 18 minute quarters with no time on
- b) 5 minute $\frac{1}{4}$ time break
- c) 10 minute $\frac{1}{2}$ time break
- d) 5 minute $\frac{3}{4}$ time break

6.3 Senior Women

- a) 15 minute quarters with no time on
- b) 6 minute $\frac{1}{4}$ time break
- c) 10 minute $\frac{1}{2}$ time break
- d) 6 minute $\frac{3}{4}$ time break

6.4 Senior Men Reserve Grade, Community Cup Senior Men

- a) 20 minute quarters with no time on
- b) 6 minute $\frac{1}{4}$ time break
- c) 10 minute $\frac{1}{2}$ time break
- d) 6 minute $\frac{3}{4}$ time break

6.5 Senior Men

- a) 23 minute quarters with no time on
- b) 6 minute $\frac{1}{4}$ time break
- c) 15 minute $\frac{1}{2}$ time break
- d) 6 minute $\frac{3}{4}$ time break

7 Lightning

- 7.1 In the case of lightning strikes, the timekeeper is to sound five (5) blasts of the siren to signal that the match is being suspended in accordance with National Guidelines.

8 Stretcher or Ambulance

- 8.1 In the case of a stretcher or ambulance entering the playing arena, the field umpire will stop play at the first appropriate opportunity after he has been advised that the stretcher is on the playing ground.

a) All Grades

- i. Timekeepers are to allow a maximum of five (5) consecutive minutes only before re-starting the clock.
- ii. If the quarter is completed whilst the player is still being treated, the siren must be sounded and the normal quarter breaks take place
- iii. The siren must be sounded for the start and finish of each quarter and quarter break up until the end of the match, irrespective of whether the game itself can be recommenced.

9 Score Confirmation

- 9.1 Timekeepers are to remain in their position until the scores have been finalised.
- 9.2 Scores are not considered 'final' until the goal umpires confirm the scores.
- 9.3 At the end of each quarter, goal umpires will confirm the scores by 'waving off' the scores as being true and correct.
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Appendix 6 Time Keeper's Report

Timekeepers Report									
Match Between:				V					
Competition:									
Date:									
Venue:									
1st Quarter Start Time									
2nd Quarter Start Time									
3rd Quarter Start Time									
4th Quarter Start Time									
Match End Time									
Were any red/yellow cards recorded			Yes		No				
Are team sheets attached			Yes		No				
Any other incidents			Yes		No				
Comments:									
Match Scores:									
Club					Club				
Quarter	Goals	Behinds	Total	Quarter	Goals	Behinds	Total		
1				1					
2				2					
3				3					
4				4					
Timekeepers Name									
Timekeepers Signature									